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Annotations

Opening of the session

The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development will hold its fourth session in Bali, Indonesia, from 27 May to 7 June 2002. The opening of the formal session on 27 May will be preceded by pre-session meetings, as follows: on 24 May, there will be meetings of groups of delegations; on 25 and 26 May, there will be informal consultations on the Chairman's text transmitted from the third session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee.

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1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its first meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee will adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda and approve its organization of work.

Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations

At the same meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee will take action on a number of applications by intergovernmental organizations for accreditation to participate as observers in the proceedings, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

Also at the same meeting, in accordance with its decision 2001/PC/3, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee will take action on a number of applications by non-governmental organizations for accreditation to participate as observers in the proceedings.

2. Consideration of the revised Chairman's paper transmitted from the third session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, together with other relevant inputs to the preparatory process

At its third session, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee decided to entrust the Chairman with the preparation of a revised paper containing a draft "implementation document" for transmission to the fourth session for further consideration.

The Commission acting as the preparatory committee will consider the revised Chairman's paper, together with other inputs to the preparatory process, as appropriate, which will also allow it to address ways of strengthening the institutional framework for sustainable development, and to evaluate and define the future role and programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

In the light of the outcomes of the pre-session consultations referred to above, an open-ended drafting group will be established to deal with matters related to sustainable development governance and other outstanding matters related to the draft "implementation document".

The process on sustainable development governance will start with an informal meeting that will provide an opportunity to deepen the understanding of issues involved and proposals made in that context.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the revised Chairman's paper transmitted from the third session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee (A/CONF.199/PC/___)

Report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee on its third session (A/CONF.199/PC/14)

3. Elaboration of possible elements for a political document to be submitted for consideration and adoption by heads of State or Government

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/199, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, at its fourth and final session, drawing upon the agreed text of the "implementation document" referred to above, will prepare a concise and focused document that emphasizes the need for a global partnership to achieve the objectives of sustainable development, reconfirms the need for an integrated and strategically focused approach to the implementation of Agenda 21, and addresses the main challenges and opportunities faced by the international community in that regard. The document submitted for further consideration and adoption by the Summit should reinvigorate, at the highest political level, the global commitment to a North-South partnership, a higher level of integrated solidarity and accelerated implementation of sustainable development.

To facilitate that goal, a series of informal plenary meetings will be held during the session in preparation for the high-level segment. Those meetings will enable the Chairman to elaborate a paper for the high-level segment outlining views on the contents and possible elements of the "political document". Initial inputs for discussion will include:

- Outcomes of the second and third sessions of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee;
- Information provided by the Vice-Chairs from Egypt and Canada on various discussions/consultations relevant to the issue;
- Outcome of the multi-stakeholder dialogue;
- Input from the Secretary-General's Panel.

Consideration of those inputs, along with other inputs from delegations/groups, will allow the Chairman to prepare a paper on possible elements for a political document to be submitted to the high-level segment for further discussion.

The high-level segment, in accordance with the decision of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee at its first session, will be held during three days at the end of the fourth session, from 5 to 7 June 2000. The segment will start on the morning of 5 June 2002, with a presentation by the Chairman on the results of the discussion on possible elements for a "political document".

A general debate will follow, including heads of delegations and observers of intergovernmental organizations and major groups. After the general debate, an interactive dialogue, with ministerial participation, will be organized to further discuss possible elements for a political document.

The high-level segment is expected to result in elements for a political document to be transmitted by the Chairman for further consideration and negotiation during the Summit, as well as a Chairman's summary of discussions held during the high-level segment.

4. Multi-stakeholder dialogue segment

A multi-stakeholder dialogue segment will be organized at the beginning of the session in accordance with the decision of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee at its first session. The dialogue will be organized in a way that:

(a) Provides an opportunity for all stakeholders, including major groups, Governments and international organizations, to exchange views on the main issues to be discussed at the session, including the possible contents of the "political document", future priorities and sustainable development governance;

(b) Provides an opportunity for major groups to seek collective positions/views on issues to be addressed by the Summit;

(c) Allows further discussion/presentation/suggestion of implementation partnerships and initiatives.

5. Organization of the work of the Summit

The main elements of the organization of work of the Summit were determined by the Commission acting as the preparatory committee at its first session and subsequently approved by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/226, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee will decide on all remaining issues related to the organization of work of the Summit, including specific details of the series of events to be held in partnership with stakeholders (to be held during the first week of the Summit), the short multi-stakeholder event involving the highest level of representation of major groups and Governments, and the round-table meetings to be held at the level of heads of State or Government.

An open-ended working group will be established during the fourth session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee to deal specifically with the provisional organization of work of the Summit. That process will start as soon as possible during the session. Specific proposals, including on the format and other modalities of partnership events with stakeholders, as well as possible themes of the round tables at the level of heads of State and Government, will be presented by the Bureau of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee.

6. Other matters

As was the case during the third session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, a series of informal meetings will be held throughout the session, at which all interested stakeholders, including Governments, international organizations and major groups, will discuss further "type two" outcomes of the Summit. An updated/refined list of initiatives/partnerships will be prepared as a result of those meetings.

The Commission acting as the preparatory committee may wish to consider other matters related to the preparations for the Summit, as appropriate.

7. Report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee on its fourth session

At the conclusion of its fourth session, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee will adopt its report for submission to the Summit.